

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

65 (New). A method for caching objects including object fragments, said method comprising the steps of:

a client receiving from a server an object including an object description wherein at least one object fragment is referenced by an associated persistent object fragment identity based on one or more of:

formal descriptors; and

an object fragment property, in response to a request for the object; and

the client processing the object description including the associated persistent object fragment identity.

66 (New). A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for processing objects including object fragments, said method steps comprising:

a client receiving from a server an object including an object description wherein at least one object fragment is referenced by an associated persistent object fragment identity based on one or more of: formal descriptors; and an object fragment property, in response to a request for the object; and

the client processing the object description including the associated persistent object fragment identity.